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IPTV Delivery Architecture

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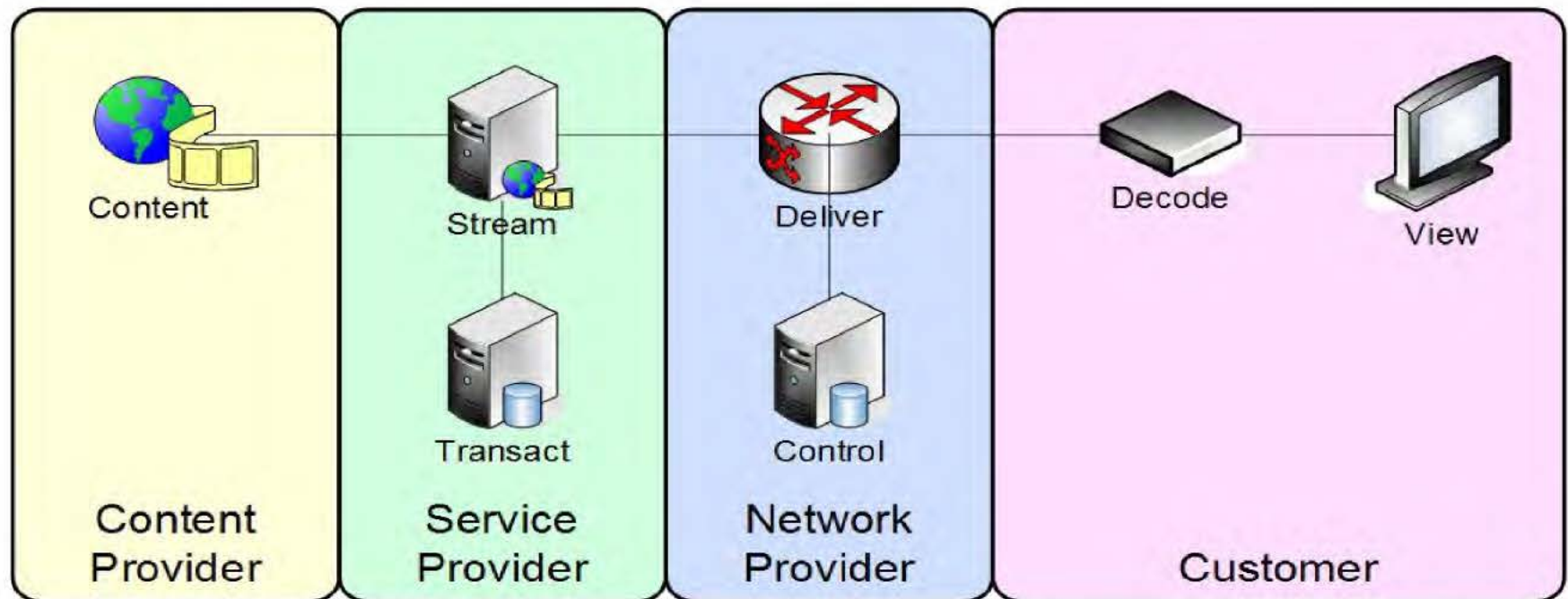
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IPTV Definition

- **IPTV is defined as**
 - **Multimedia services:**
 - Television / video / audio / text / graphics / data
 - **Delivered over managed IP based networks providing appropriate**
 - QoS / QoE, security, interactivity and reliability.
- **Key features of IPTV**
 - Supportable by NGN
 - Bi-directional networks
 - Real time and non-real time service delivery



IPTV Concept & Roles



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IPTV Roles [Domains]

- o **Content Provider**
 - Owner of content
 - Delivers contents as: Streams, Files, Tapes ...
- o **Service Provider**
 - Provides IPTV Service
 - Ingests and protects IPTV content
- o **Network Provider**
 - Delivers streams from Service Provider to Customer
- o **Customer**
 - Selects and consumes content
 - Pay bills



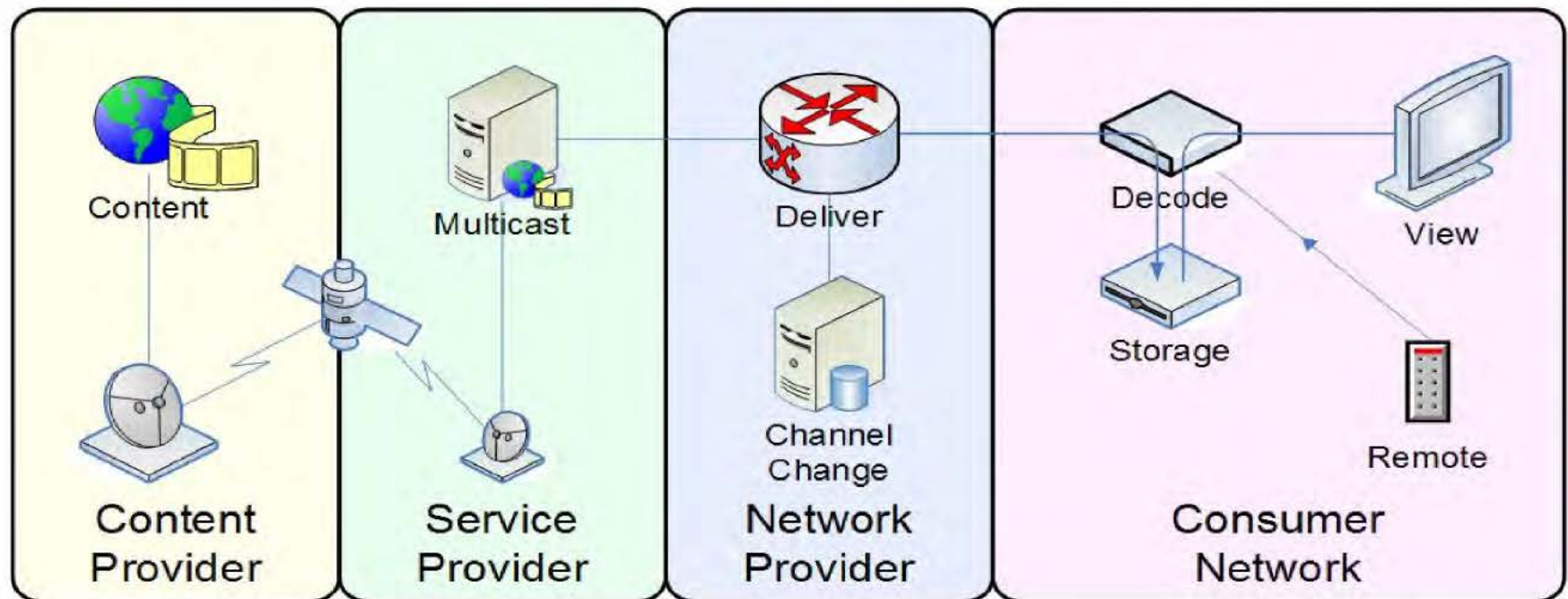
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Derive Requirements from Service Outlines

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Linear TV with Local PVR



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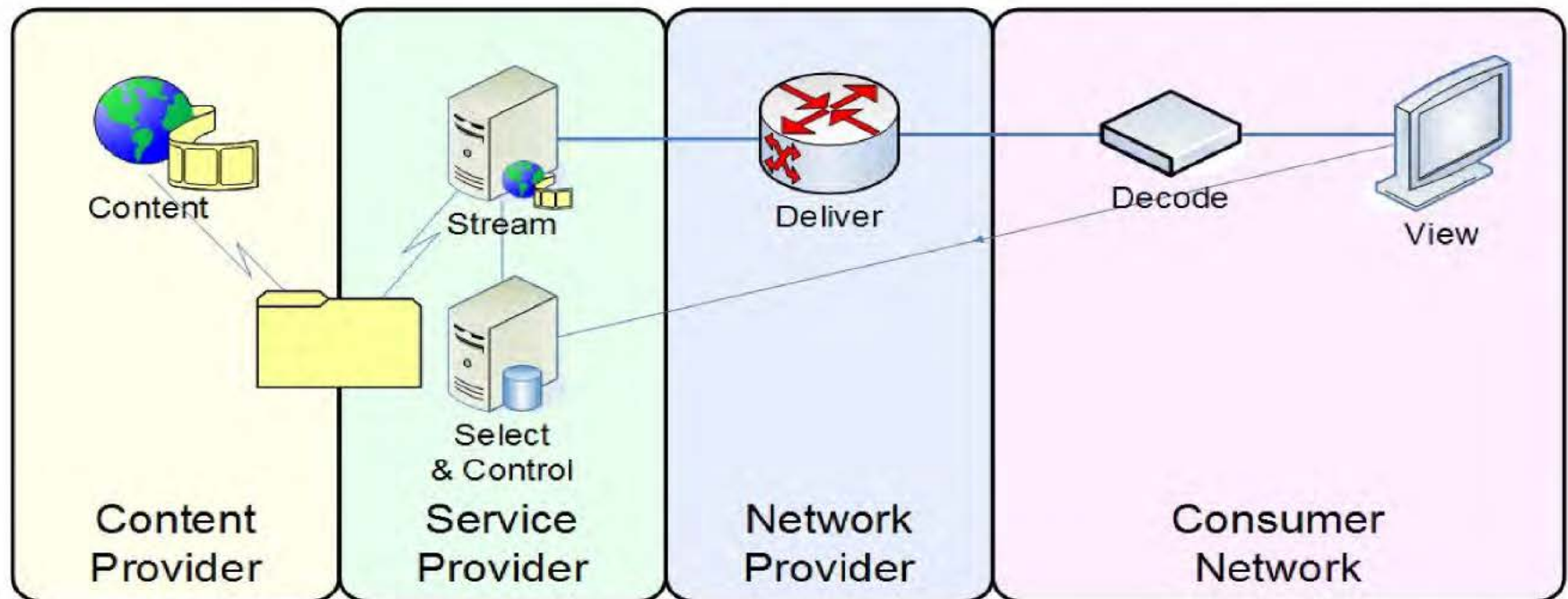
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Linear TV with Local PVR

- o Multicast distribution
 - Very low error rate, low latency transmission
 - Potential need for network and application layer FEC
 - Multicast control in LAN and WAN
- o QoS in Network
 - Ensure IPTV traffic not disrupted by other traffic
 - WAN Traffic prioritisation
 - Admission control, especially for Access Network
- o Local Storage in IPTV Terminal
 - PVR, Trick play (Fwd, Rew, Slow ...)
- o TV Service
 - User and subscription management



Content on Demand



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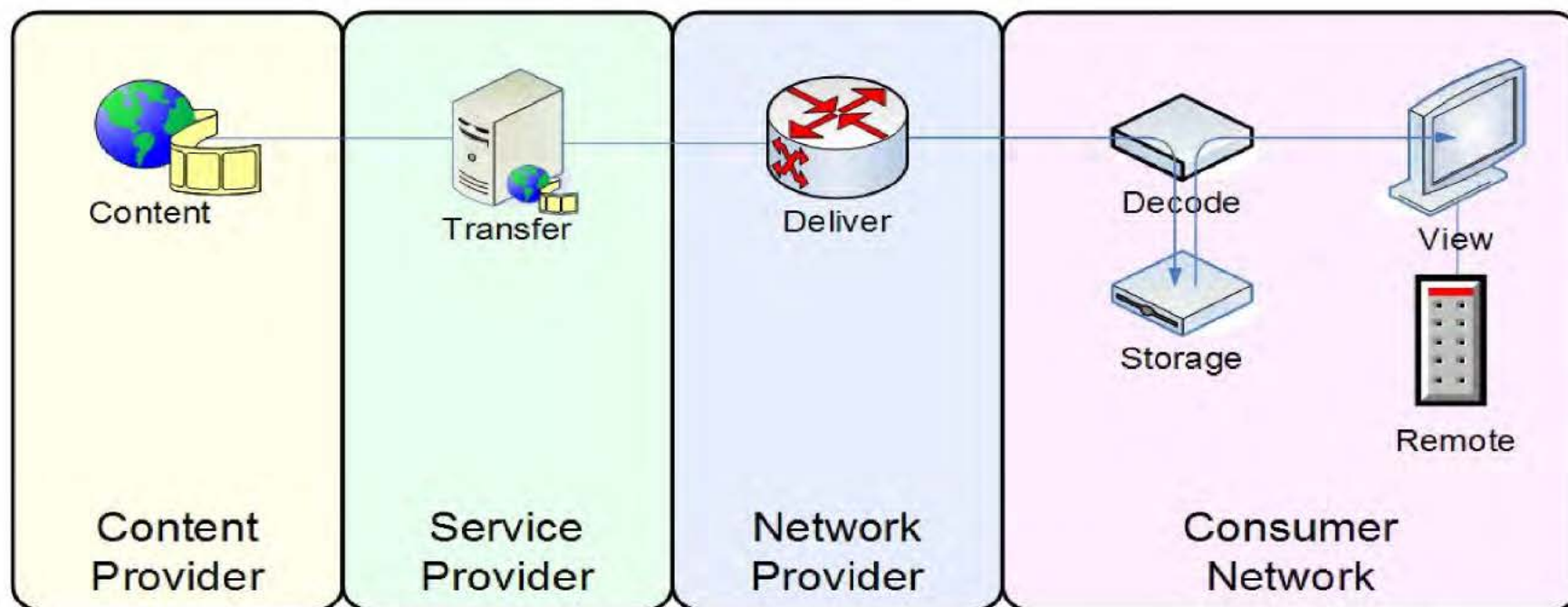
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Content on Demand

- Unicast distribution
 - Very low error rate, low latency transmission
 - Error Correction by
 - Network and application layer FEC
 - Retransmission
- QoS in Network
 - Ensure IPTV traffic not disrupted by other traffic
 - WAN Traffic prioritisation
 - Admission control, especially for Access Network
- CoD Service
 - User and subscription management
 - CoD management and control server



Pre-delivered Content on Demand



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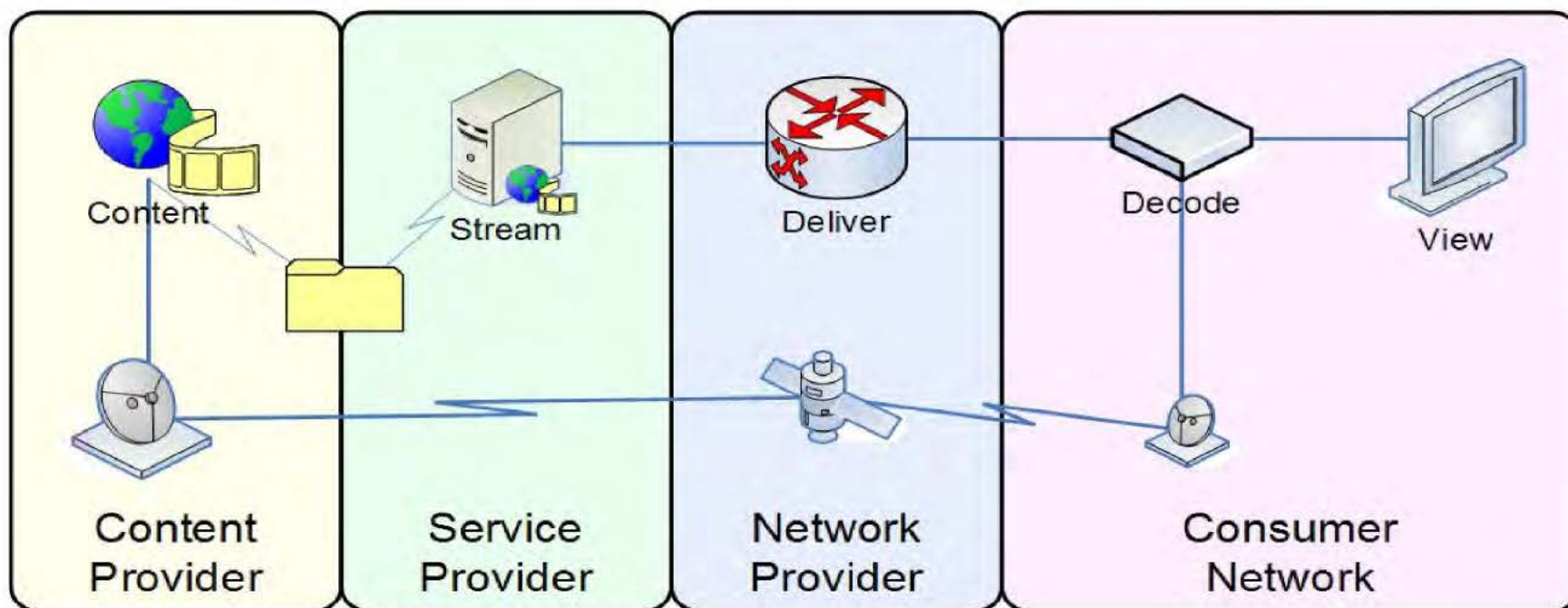
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Pre-delivered Content on Demand

- Delivery Options
 - Unicast
 - Error free reception by protocol
- Network Control
 - Limited or no Admission Control or QoS
- Local Storage
 - Delivery and Trick play (Fwd, Rew, Slow ...)
- CoD Service
 - User and subscription management
 - CoD management and control server



Hybrid: Online and Off-air Delivery



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Hybrid: Online and Off-air Delivery

- Online Requirements
 - As per Content On Demand
- Off-Air
 - Local Terrestrial or Satellite Receiver
 - Local Storage in IPTV Terminal
 - PVR, Trick play (Fwd, Rew, Slow ...)
- Service Requirements
 - As per Linear TV and CoD



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Service Operational Requirements

- Customer Domain
 - Network connection with LAN QoS
 - IPTV Terminal
 - Set Top Box connected to a TV
 - Soft-client on PC or Games Console
- Service Provider Domain
 - Operational and Business support systems
 - CRM, Fulfilment, Assurance, Configuration, Billing, ...
 - IPTV Application
 - Content identification, selection, purchase, ...
- Content Provider Domain
 - Production, Contract Management, Encoding, ...



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Common Network Requirements

- Network Transport
 - Multicast streams - one to many
 - Unicast streams - one to one
 - Point to point IP connectivity
- Network Authentication
 - Normally provided by Home gateway
- Network Upstream & Downstream Control
 - Admission Control
 - Traffic Prioritisation
- Network Session
 - Multicast - long duration, maintained across channel changes
 - Unicast - duration same as content



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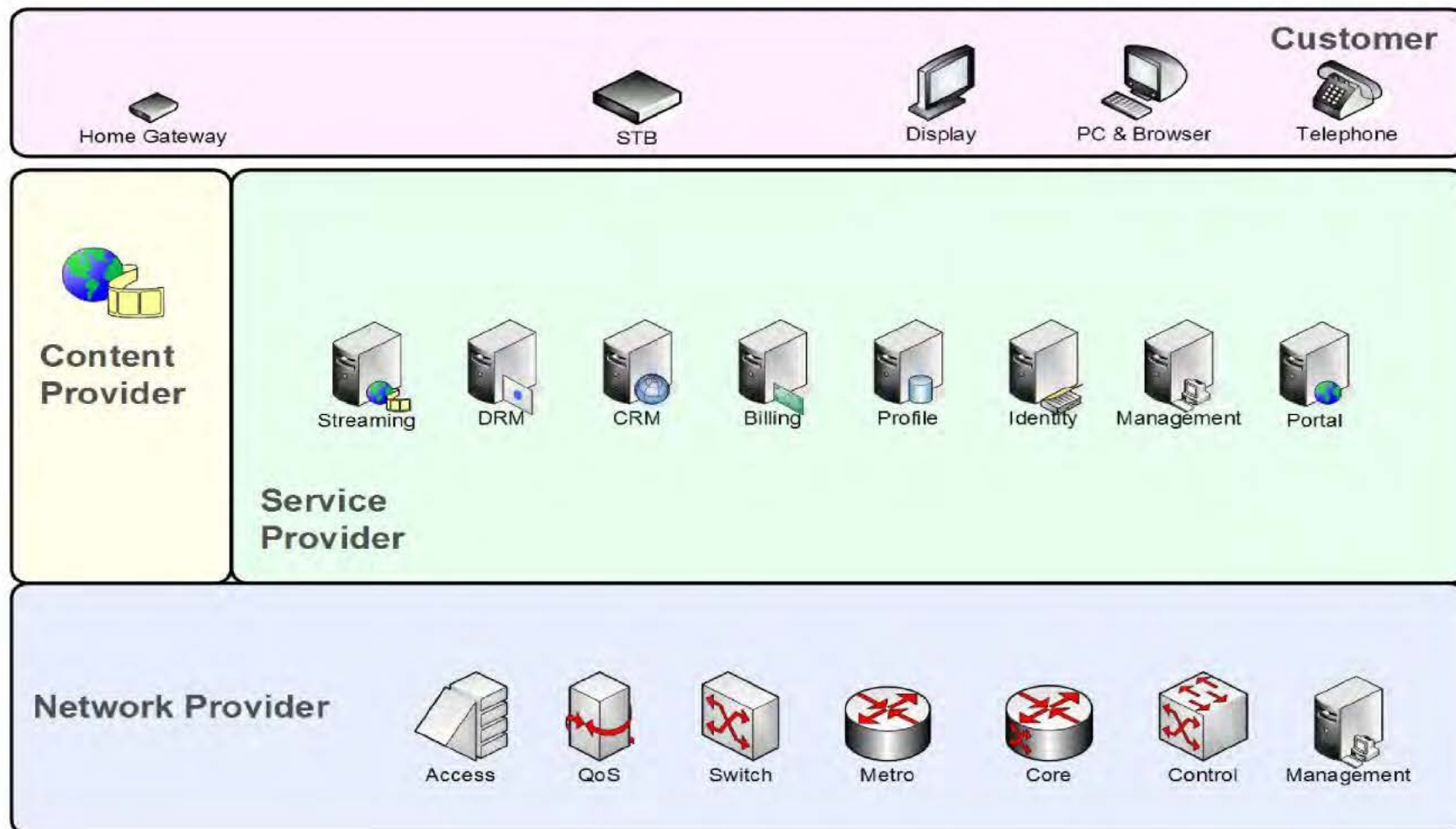
Add Detail to Domain Model

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IPTV Functional Components



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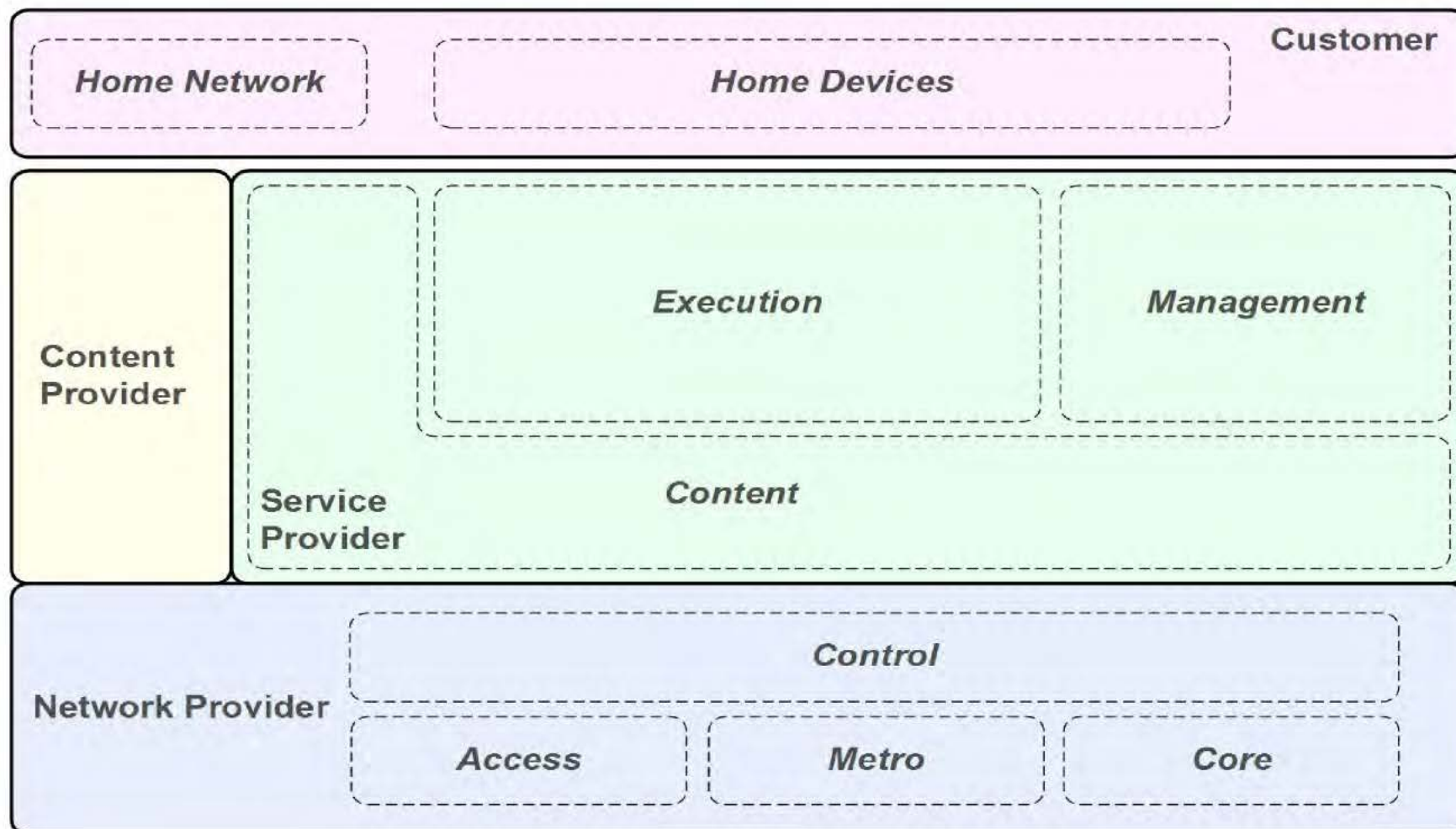
- **Customer**
 - Home gateway, Set Top Box, Display, PC, Phones
- **Content Provider**
 - Content: Files & Off-air streams
- **Service Provider**
 - Streaming, Digital Rights Management (DRM), Service Portal
 - Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Billing
 - Customer Profiles, Customer Identity, Service Management
- **Network Provider**
 - Management, Control & Quality of service
 - Transport: Fixed (DSL, Fibre, Cable), Mobile

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IPTV Domains and Sub-Domains



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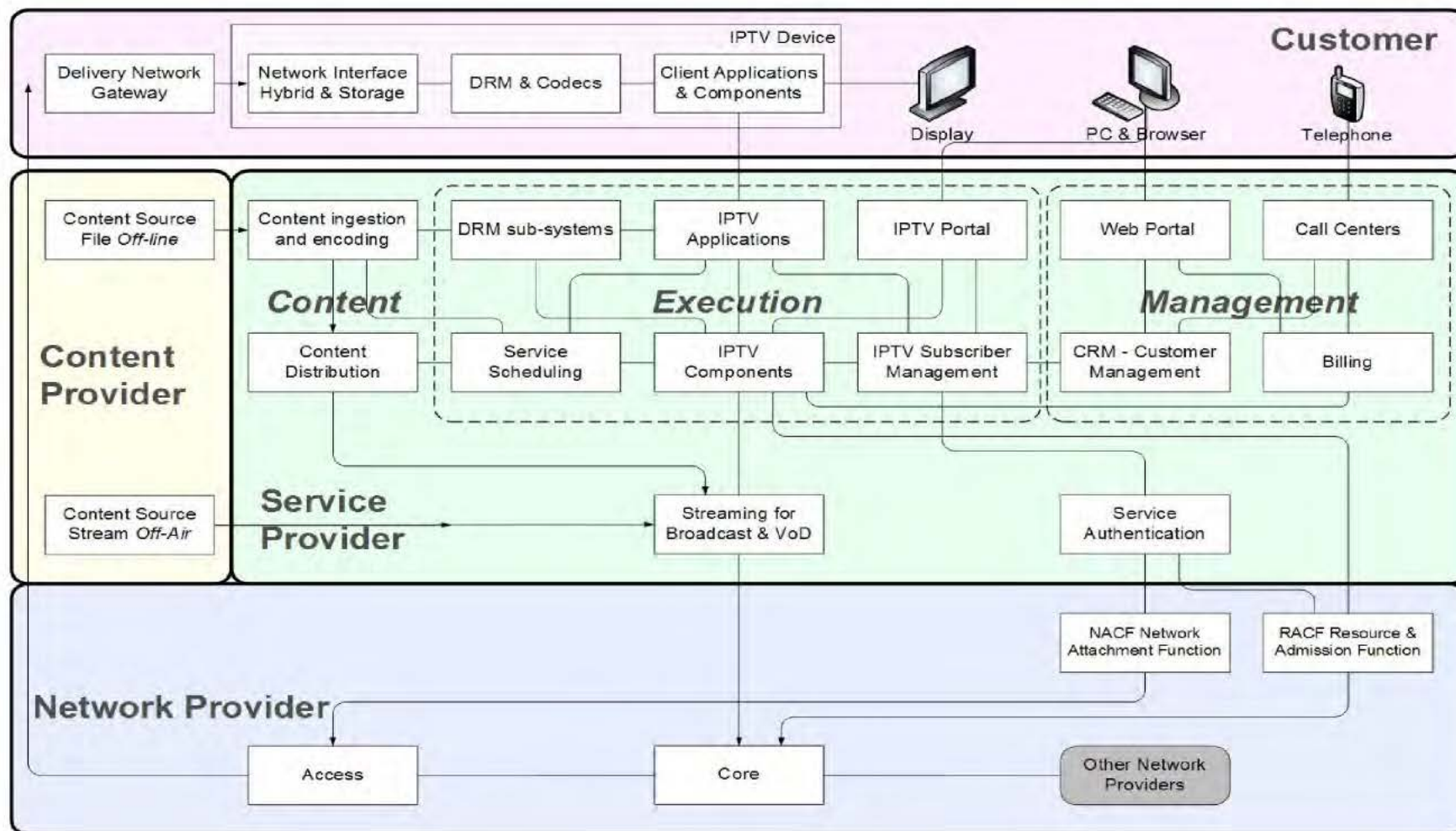
- Customer
 - Home Network
 - Home Devices
- Service Provider
 - Service Management
 - Service Execution
 - Content Processing, Management & Streaming
- Network Provider
 - Control & Management
 - Transport: Core, Metro & Access
- Content Provider

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IPTV Functions



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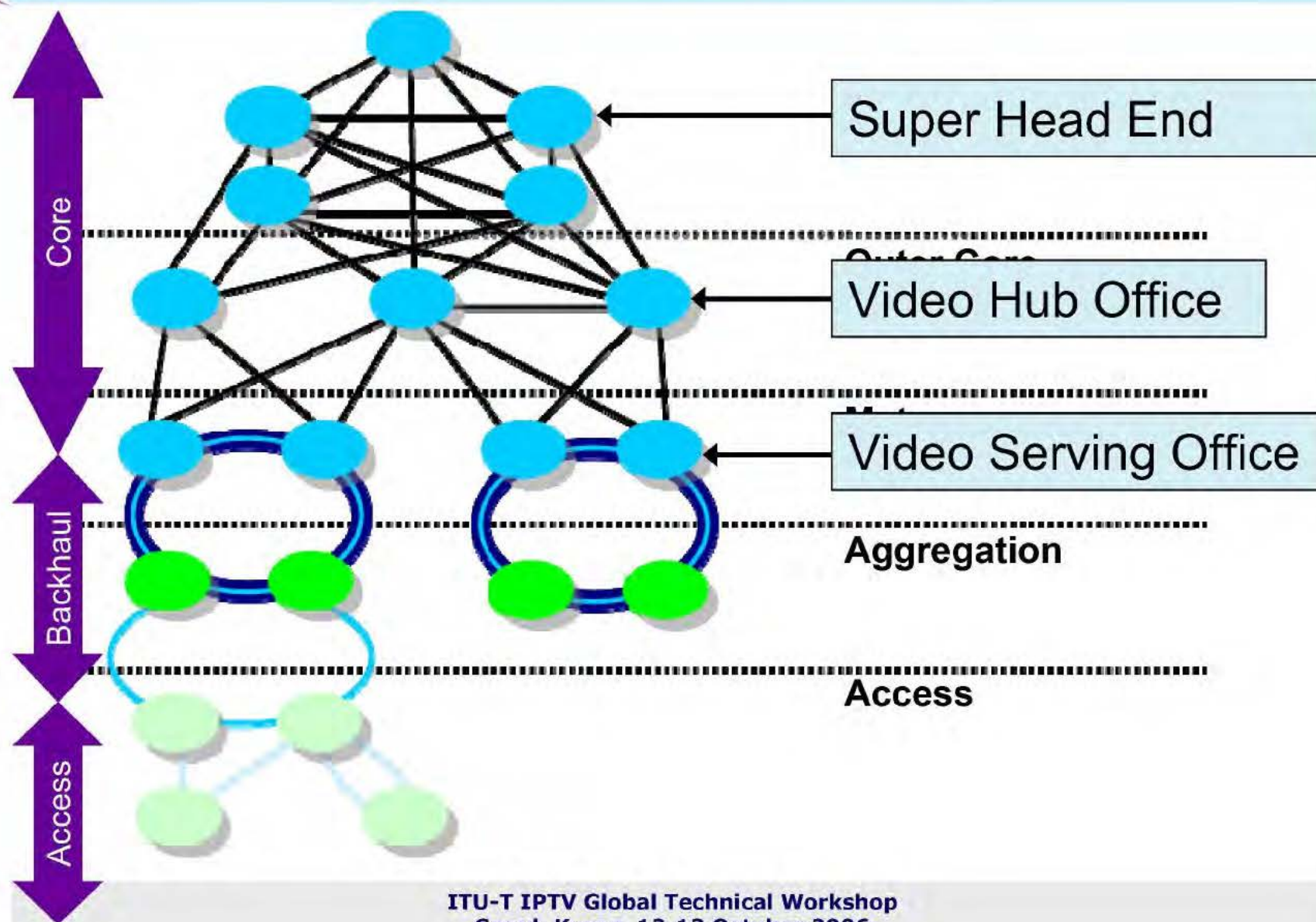
Consider Delivery Over Real Network Architecture

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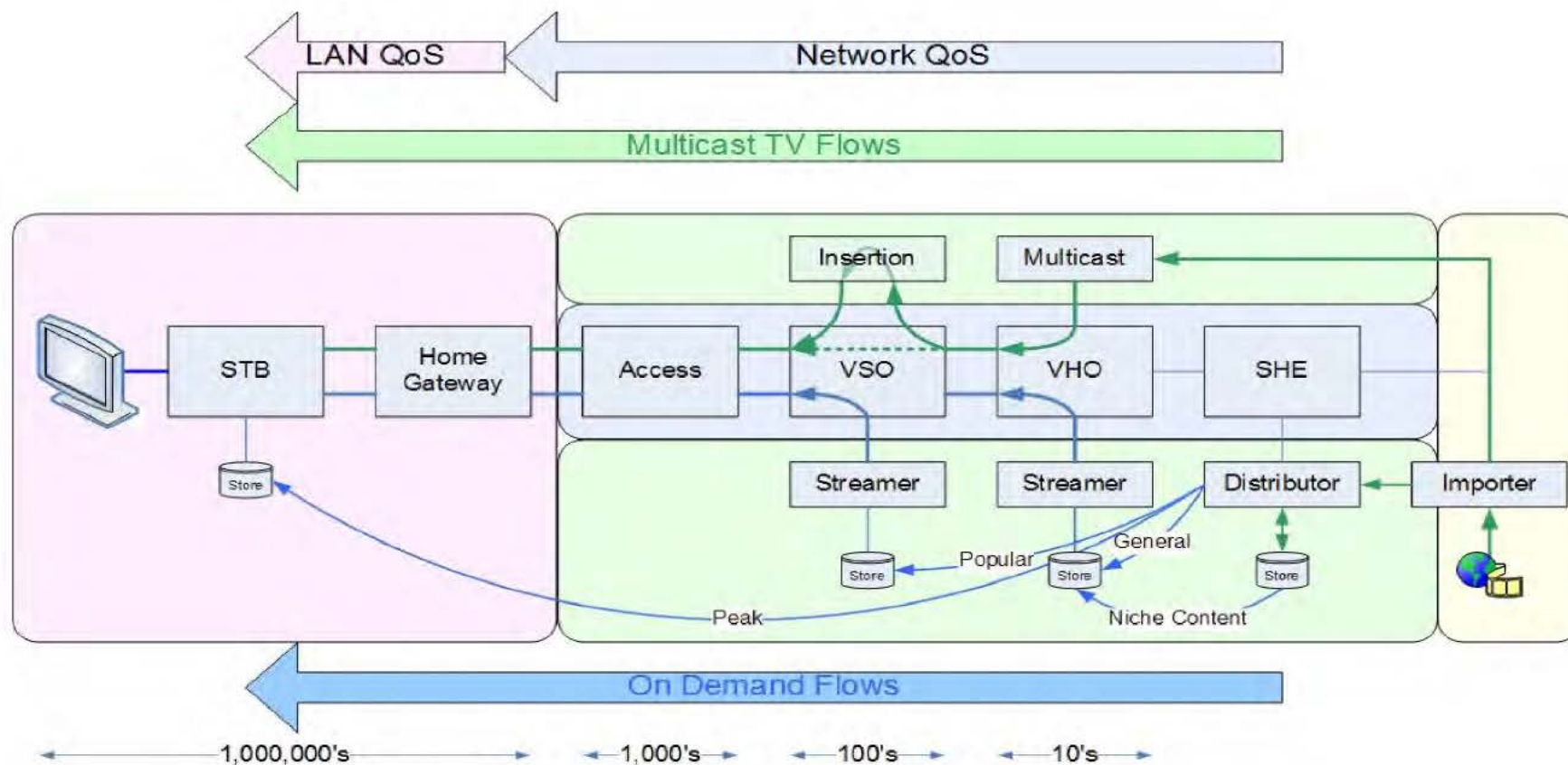
Typical Network Hierarchy



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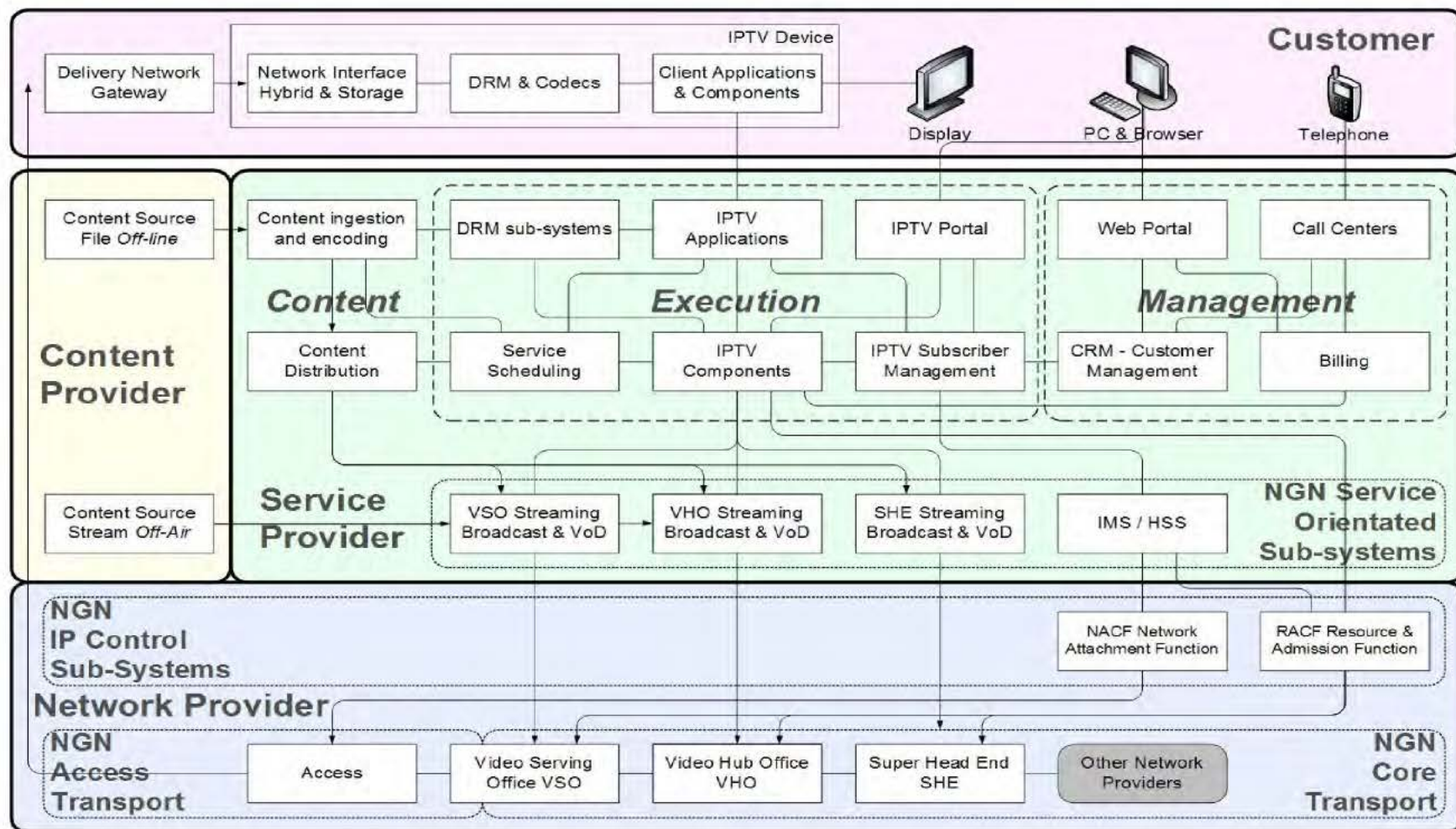
Approaching Network Hierarchy



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IPTV to NGN Mapping



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NGN Support of IPTV Requirements 1

- Network Transport
 - Multicast streams - Supported by NGN: IGMP & UDP
 - Unicast streams - Supported by NGN: TCP or UDP
- Network Authentication
 - Home gateway to NACF with DHCP / PPPoE
- Network Downstream Control
 - Admission Control - Supported by NGN: RACF
 - Traffic Prioritisation - Supported by NGN: MPLS



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NGN Support of IPTV Requirements 2

- Application Authentication
 - Registration of IPTV Terminal to IPTV Application
- Multicast Session
 - Long lifetime (hours, days, ...)
 - Maintained when IPTV Terminal is active
 - Not impacted by channel change
 - Initiated by IPTV Application
 - Downstream control
 - Access network via RACF
 - Metro & Core by capacity planning



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NGN Support of IPTV Requirements 3

o Unicast Session

- Shorter Lifetime (minutes, hours, ...)
 - Maintained when Content is being streamed
- Initiated by:
 - Fixed line IPTV: IPTV Application
 - Mobile IPTV: IMS
- Downstream control
 - Access, Metro & Core via RACF



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